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- 1. MET WITH DEPUTY FONMIN AL-KHANI DECEMBER 21 TO PRESENT NOTE OF PROTEST CONCERNING TREATMENT OF NAMOUR FAMILY AT THE HANDS OF SYRIAN SOLDIERS. INCLUDED IN NOTE INFORMATION ABOUT HARRASSMENT OF EMBASSY VEHICLE AT SAME CHECKPOINT LATER THAT DAY, AND ASKED WE BE INFORMED OF RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION
- 2. AL-KHANI ASKED IF WE HAD BROUGHT NAMOUR INCIDENT OT
 ATTENTION OF LEBANESE AUTHORITIES SINCE SYRIAN SOLDIERS AND
 ALL OTHER CONTINGENTS OF ARAB DETERRENT FORCE WERE DIRECTLY
 RESPONSIBLE TO ADF COMMANDER KHATIB AND ULTIMATELY TO PRESIDENT SARKIS

FOR THEIR ACTIONS. I SAID WE HAD ALREADY PROTESTED TO FONMIN BUTROUS AND TO COLONEL KHATIB. ADDED THAT I WAS FULLY AWARE OF LEGALITIES OF ADF STATUS IN LEBANON BUT I ALSO FELT SURE THAT SYRIAN AUTHORITIES THEMSELVES WOULD WANT TO HEAR DIRECTLY ABOUT SO GROSS AN ACT OF INDISCIPLINE AND MISCONDUCT ON PART OF SYRIAN SOLDDIERS. NOTED THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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THE DETAILS WERE PRECISE AND PERMITTED ACCURATE IDENTIFICATION OF SYRIAN MILITARY INVOLVED.

3. AL-KHANI SAID HE WOULD INSURE THAT APPROPRIATE SYRIAN AUTHORITIES WERE INFORMED OF OUR DEMARCHE.

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